



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:  
JENNIE BIH-JIEN SHEN

CONFIRMATION NO: 4005

CASE NO.: BB-1137

APPLICATION NO.: 09/326,285

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

FILED: JUNE 07, 1999

EXAMINER: MCELWAIN, ELIZABETH F

FOR: GENES FOR DESATURASES TO ALTER LIPID PROFILES IN CORN

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004. Please enter the following:

**Response to Restriction Requirement** can be found on page 2 of this letter.

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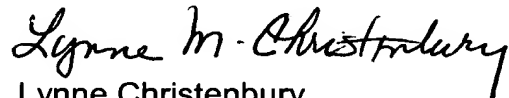
Claims 172-174 and 176-177 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group III, drawn to a method of feeding an animal comprising feeding the animal a corn grain from a plant transformed with a nucleic acid to suppress expression of a corn delta-9 stearyl ACP desaturase and a corn delta-12 desaturase, without traverse.

This election is made subject to Applicants' right to pursue a divisional or divisional applications pursuant to 35 USC §121.

Please charge any requisite fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

A Petition for a one (1) month Extension of Time accompanies this response. In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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